

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

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The Board of Aldermen, as organized for 1893, met yesterday for the purpose of organization.

Alderman Borge was elected chairman pro tem.

On motion of Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Walsh was elected President of the Board for the present year.

Mr. D. T. Valentine, acting as secretary, read the report of the Board and T. P. Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Alderman Jeremiah Hall and Ryer were appointed a committee to wait on the Mayor and inform him of the organization of the Board, and Alderman Lowrey, Farley and Ottwell were appointed to discharge a like duty to the Mayor of the Council.

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR.

The following message from Mayor O'Dwyer was received—

MAYOR O'DWYER, NEW YORK, Jan. 3, 1893.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

In presenting to you the annual communication required by the charter I am happy in being able to congratulate you on the improved condition of the city and the partial return of its wonted prosperity.

During the year that has just closed the city has enjoyed, under a favoring Providence, an unusual degree of exemption from disease and crime. Business, in all its departments, has sensibly recovered from the extreme depression which the rebellion at first produced. Industry has found profitable employment; trade has been active and remunerative; our foreign commerce has largely increased both in exports and imports; most of the buildings that were vacant at the beginning of the year have found occupants, and real estate meets with ready sale at enhanced prices.

THE SATISFACTORY CONDITION OF OUR IMMEDIATE LOCAL INTERESTS, is, however, more than neutralized by the evils incident to the war which the nation is waging in vindication of its sovereign rights. That war has new assumed such vast proportions, it involves issues so momentous, and requires such immense contributions of men and means, that it overshadows every other question of public policy or local interest. It has already continued for more than twenty months, and from its commencement has steadily enlarged its proportions, until it now embraces a larger area and covers a greater space than any that has preceded it. Like all other wars, its prosecution has been attended with varying fortunes, but the general results have been decidedly favorable to the national arms. During the last year they have driven the rebels from the States of Kentucky and Missouri, and from parts of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida; they have repelled an invasion of Maryland and threatened invasions of Pennsylvania and Ohio, and they have captured all the seaports in the rebellion States, except Charleston, Mobile, Savannah, Wilmington, and a few others of little importance.

Indeed, it may be said with truth that no other nation, suddenly called from a condition of profound peace to war on the most gigantic scale, has accomplished so much in so short a period. Witness the disasters which befell the French in the early stages of their revolutionary struggle, and the still worse fortune of the English and the Dutch in the wars which followed the French Revolution. Doubtless grave errors have been committed by the United States government, and by the commonwealths of the Union, but the errors have been corrected, and the government has been able to sustain itself against the most powerful and determined enemies it has ever encountered. The army, as well as the navy, has been maintained at a level of efficiency and discipline that has enabled it to meet the most severe tests of war, and to emerge from the conflict with a reputation for valor and heroism which has more than compensated for all the errors and misadventures of the past.

Meanwhile there are good grounds for anticipating, at an early day, more decided successes than have yet attended the arms of the Union. The army and navy are growing in strength and efficiency; the latter now comprising more than two hundred and sixty-eight ships, and the former of nearly eight hundred thousand men. With the increased resources of the government, and the improved methods of the policy of emancipation just adopted by our government—a policy so consonant with justice and the principles of the Republic, and so calculated to secure the permanent success of the present struggle—we have reason to hope that the year on which we have now entered will witness the final suppression of the rebellion. This hope we entertain with confidence, and we are fully prepared to meet the most severe tests of war, and to emerge from the conflict with a reputation for valor and heroism which has more than compensated for all the errors and misadventures of the past.

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To meet the military and naval needs of the city, the city has contributed liberally both of men and material resources. The number of volunteers from the city, since the commencement of the war, has been estimated at nearly one hundred thousand. The city has also contributed to the war effort in many other ways, and has been able to sustain itself against the most powerful and determined enemies it has ever encountered.

In fact, since the commencement of the war, the people of the United States, and especially the people of the North, have shown a remarkable degree of patriotism and heroism. They have been able to sustain themselves against the most powerful and determined enemies they have ever encountered, and they have emerged from the conflict with a reputation for valor and heroism which has more than compensated for all the errors and misadventures of the past.

These are most encouraging facts. They exhibit an abundance of resources without a parallel in history, and are well calculated to stimulate both government and people to perseverance in the effort to subvert the rebellion, and to secure the strongest confidence of ultimate success. I hold it to be the duty of the government of this city to stand firmly by the United States, and to contribute cheerfully whatever may be required to re-establish the national authority over every foot of its territory.

In this opinion I have no doubt your honorable bodies fully concur; nor do I doubt that you stand ready now, as you have stood in the past, to give effect to any and every measure which may be deemed necessary to the maintenance of the Union and the security of the Republic.

As the fiscal year of the Corporation expires with the calendar year, there has been sufficient time to ascertain with precision the condition of the finances during the year just closed. I am able, however, through the courtesy of the Finance Department, to present the following statement:

AGGREGATE BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS ON CITY ACCOUNT, UNEXPENDED DEC. 31, 1891.

Amounted to, \$1,434,194 96

The amount of appropriations made in 1892 was, \$2,118,154 24—\$7,082,293 96

The amount of expenditures during the year, for the purpose of which warrants have been drawn on the Chamberlain, was, \$6,995,783 93

Less amount retained, \$29 01

Balance of appropriations unexpended Dec. 31, \$774,202 40

Comparison of Expenditures on City Account.

The following statement exhibits the yearly expenditures, for the purposes mentioned, during the last four years:

Year. 1889. 1890. 1891. 1892.

For support of city government, \$6,620,251 52, \$5,922,525 52, \$5,922,525 52, \$5,922,525 52

For interest on city debt, \$77,871 34, \$72,292 34, \$72,292 34, \$72,292 34

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